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SUBJ: OMVS REPRESENTATIVE MAMADI KEITA TO US

REF (A) DAKAR 2890 (B) BAMAKO 2162

1. PER REF A AND MALI MINISTER INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS AND PRESIDENT OF OMVS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, MAMADI KEITA LEAVING TODAY TO ACCOMPANY SECGEN OF OMVS OULD AMAR TO NEW YORK. PURPOSE IS ESSENTIALLY SAME AS CANCELLED VISIT OF PREVIOUS MINISTER ROBERT N'DAW RE STATE 68014 AND BAMAKO 1223.

2. IN MEETING THIS MORNING KEITA ASKED CHARGE TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM IN WASHINGTON JULY 17 AND 18 WITH DIRECTOR IDA AND WITH HIGH LEVEL USAID OFFICIALS. KEITA EMPHASIZED THAT (A) HE IS PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF OMVS AND THUS IS PROCEEDING WASHINGTON AS "REPRESENTATIVE FOR THREE HEADS OF STATE" (MALI, SENEGAL AND MAURITANIA) AND (B) THAT HE WISHES NEGOTIATE EXACT NATURE AND EXTENT US ASSISTANCE TO OMVS PER PRESIDENT NIXON'S LETTER TO OMVS HEAD, PRESIDENT OULD MOKTAR DADDA OF MAURITANIA IN WHICH US PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE OMVS PROJECTS WAS MENTIONED. KEITA WILL ARRIVE NEW YORK ON JULY 13 WHERE HE WILL SEE UNDP

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OFFICIALS UNTIL 16TH BEFORE PROCEEDING TO WASHINGTON.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THE USUALLY AFFABLE AND LOW-KEY KEITA WAS INSISTENT ABOUT MEETING US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT HIGHEST LEVEL. HE IS STILL NEW AT HIS JOB AND EMBASSY WONDERS IF HE ISN'T UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE TO BRING HOME THE BACON FOR OMVS. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT KEITA MEET DR. ADAMS, DROUGHT COORDINATOR MAURICE WILLIAMS AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. COURTESY CALL ON SECRETARY ROGERS OR DR. HANNAH WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL ESPECIALLY AS HE UNDERLINED HIS MISSION AS "REPRESENTATIVE OF THREE AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE," AND FACT THAT MEMBER COUNTRIES OMVS ARE ALSO SAME COUNTRIES SEVERELY HIT BY DROUGHT. KEITA SPEAKS ENGLISH AND IS USEFUL AND COMPETENT EMBASSY CONTACT AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL.

4. ADVISE ASAP.
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